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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: APPARATUS FOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SHEETS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2002<sup>1</sup>, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Page 2, please delete the fourth full paragraph and replace it as follows:**

ai In the mechanism for feeding a stack of sheets, the delivery of sheets should be made reliably. For example, a stack of sheets needs to be fed without being displaced while being fed. It is desirable to feed sheets while giving certain strength to them regardless of their size, and also to hold and feed stacks of sheets reliably even if different numbers of sheets are contained in the stacks.

<sup>1</sup> Please note that since the due date of March 16, 2003 fell on a Sunday, this Amendment is being timely filed on the next business day of March 17, 2003.